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<b>Municipality:</b>	Town of East Bloomfield
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<b>Title:</b>	Town of East Bloomfield Code § 135-41(H) – Solar arrays.
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***Abstract***

The Town of East Bloomfield, New York allows solar energy systems by right in all zoning districts. However, a party seeking to install a building- or structure- mounted solar array must have a letter from a professional engineer or registered architect certifying that the existing structure can support the additional gravity and wind loads of the solar energy system. Meanwhile, ground-mounted solar arrays can be located in a side or rear yard, but if the applicant can demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Planning Board that locating such solar arrays in the side or rear yard would not provide adequate coverage, then the system may be located in the front yard.

***Resource***

Chapter 135: Zoning

§ 135-41 Application of regulations.

(H). Solar arrays. A building permit issued by the Code Enforcement Officer shall be required prior to erecting solar arrays. A building- or structure- mounted solar array must have a letter from a professional engineer or registered architect certifying that the existing structure can support the additional gravity and wind loads of the solar energy system. A ground-mounted solar array is subject to the minimum setback requirements. Although locations in side and rear yards are encouraged, a ground-mounted solar panel may be located in a front yard if the applicant can demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Planning Board that locating such solar arrays in the side or rear yard would not provide adequate coverage.